

Programme:	Ambient Assisted Living Joint Programme
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Organisation:	<p>Helsingborg is located in the centre in the Øresund region with approximately 320 000 inhabitants. The region is situated in the northwestern part of Skåne (Scania). Helsingborg is Sweden's closest point to Denmark, with the Danish city Helsingør clearly visible on the other side of the Øresund. Approximately 130 000 people live in the Municipality of Helsingborg, which makes Helsingborg one of the ten largest municipalities in Sweden.</p> <p>Swedish municipalities are unique in their wide range of competencies and their constitutional power of taxation. Sweden has a strong tradition of allowing local authorities to play a major role in the society, with a high degree of self-governance and responsibility for different sectors and activities. Each of the 290 municipalities in Sweden is responsible for providing a significant proportion of public services; e.g. schools, emergency services and city planning. According to the law, the municipalities are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare and pre-schools • Primary and secondary schools • Social services • Elderly care • Support to people with disabilities • Health and environmental issues • Emergency services • Urban planning • Sanitation (waste, sewage) <p>Helsingborg spends about 5 billion SEK each year to provide services to citizens. The majority goes to schools, elderly care and for people with disabilities.</p> <p>Elderly and Disabled Care Department In Helsingborg, the Elderly and Disabled Care Department (Vård- och omsorgsförvaltningen) is responsible for the care and support to elderly citizens and to citizens with disabilities.</p>

	<p>In the department, 2100 people are employed, with 90 percent working as care staff; e.g. staff nurses, personal assistance for disabled people, nurses, occupational therapists or physiotherapists.</p> <p>The municipality's elderly care service is for elderly people who are in need of support. There is a home care service if you require assistance with anything you need to maintain an independent life in your own home. The home care service can assist in activities in the daily life such as cleaning, laundry, grocery shopping and personal hygiene. The formal home care provides care services and medical health care.</p> <p>There are also other types of support, such as emergency medical alarms, daily activity centres or meeting places where older people can meet with other people and participate in different activities.</p> <p>Older people with explicit weakness caused by old age, serious memory disruption or another serious illness have the opportunity to apply for a place at a nursing home. In order to be able to receive formal care or live in a nursing home, authorized benefit is needed. The benefit system is formalized in the Swedish national law.</p> <p>8 percent of all elderly people (70 years of age or above) live in nursing homes. 19 percent receive formal care at home.</p> <p>Website: www.helsingborg.se or www.helsingborg.se/Medborgare/toppmeny/english/care-and-social-services/ (English)</p>
<p>Project idea: (Aim/objectives/ activites)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ICT-solutions for elderly with home care services</p> <p>The City of Helsingborg is pleased to communicate you its interest in participating as a project partner in a proposal within the frame of the Ambient Assisted Living Programme. The project would aim at finding ICT-solutions applicable in home care services, strengthening the elderly's security, degree of independence and life quality by using technology in their homes, which will enable choice and control over the support they need to live their everyday lives. Helsingborg wish to take part as an end user in a project.</p> <p>Background</p> <p>The Elderly and disabled care department of the City of Helsingborg has identified that one of the main future challenges is the development of home care services. The Swedish care system for elderly and people with disabilities has for a long time been focusing on providing residential care in nursing homes, even though the municipalities have delivered homecare services for many years. The development and the tradition of homecare have existed for a long time in Sweden and the inhabitants' right to homecare service is guaranteed by Swedish law. However, the cost of care for the elderly and people with disabilities is constantly increasing and the demographic</p>

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	<p>development in Europe will require an even more effective home care, where the elderly feel safe in their home environment, and where the families get the sufficient support. Our goal is to create a home care service with both great efficiency and quality.</p> <p>One step towards this goal is to implement ICT-solutions in the home care services to enable improvement and to facilitate the care that Helsingborg provides to the elderly. With the help of ICT we hope to make the routine processes more efficient and focus more on the qualitative aspects of our home care service.</p> <p>Desired aim The project would aim at finding ICT-solutions applicable in home care services, and following could be possible results of the project: First and most importantly an increased sense of security, independence and a higher quality of life for the elderly. As a result of this, it will also contribute to an improved and more efficient working environment for the employees.</p> <p>Desired target group The target group is primarily clients who live in their own home/future clients who are in need of possible support. However, the home care service provider who will use the ICT-solution in their work with supporting the inhabitants of Helsingborg with health and social care could also benefit from the developed ICT-solutions.</p> <p>Please contact us if your organization is looking to submit a project proposal as lead partner, and if you are looking for additional partners.</p>
Partners searched:	Project partners from EU-countries, EEA/EFTA countries, candidate countries, both public, private sector, NGO's, etc.
Project period:	2015-2018
Other information:	Next call for proposal within the AAL programme will focus on the following priority: Living active and independently at home. Key priority: The contribution of ICT/technologies to integrated solutions for supporting active and independent living of older adults in their homes.

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